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Letter dated 28 November 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to resolution 1713 (2006) concerning the Sudan, adopted by the Security Council on 29 September 2006.

The Council decided in paragraph 1 of that resolution to extend until 29 September 2007 the mandate of the Panel of Experts originally appointed pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) and previously extended by resolutions 1651 (2005) and 1665 (2006) to monitor the implementation of the measures in Darfur. It also requested me to appoint a fifth member to enable the Panel to better carry out its mission and to take the necessary administrative measures.

I have the honour to inform you that I have appointed the following five experts until 29 September 2007:

Thomas Bifwoli (Kenya)

Debi P. Dash (India)

Yassin El-Ayouty (Egypt)

Gerard P. McHugh (Ireland)

Bernard S. Saunders (Canada)

Mr. McHugh has been designated to serve as Coordinator of the Panel of Experts.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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